



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of Marine Safety

Date: January 8, 2003

Place: Marriott Marco Island Resort

Persons Interviewed: Garrett Morgan, Director of Human Resources
Tom Williams, Senior Captain
Melinda McGowan, Recreational Director

Interview Conducted By: Robert Ford & James Walsh
Investigators
National Transportation Safety Board

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Morgan, Captain Williams and Ms. McGowan were interviewed in conjunction with the investigation into the sinking of the Small Passenger Vessel *Panther* (DCA03MM018). It has been developed from our handwritten notes of the conversation and is correct and complete to the best of our knowledge and recollection.

INTERVIEW

The Marriott Resort at Marco Island, Florida was the previous employer of Captain Daniel Maye. Captain Williams was the Senior Captain for the resort and was Maye's immediate supervisor. The resort operated small sail vessels that carried six passengers.

According to Captain Williams, Maye fell in the top ten percent in talent and personality of all the masters that he has supervised. Williams could not think of a negative thing to report regarding Captain Maye. Ms. McGowan agreed completely with Captain William's assessment of Captain Maye.

Due to a fall off in tourism following the September 11, 2001 attack, Captain Maye was laid off.

Mr. Morgan stated that the Marriott Corporation had very strict policies regarding the release of information for its employees. Mr. Morgan stated that he had viewed Captain Maye's

employment file and the file confirmed the assessment of Captain Williams and Ms. McGowan.

END OF INTERVIEW

Robert B. Ford

James Walsh